



FIPS 140-3 and beyond

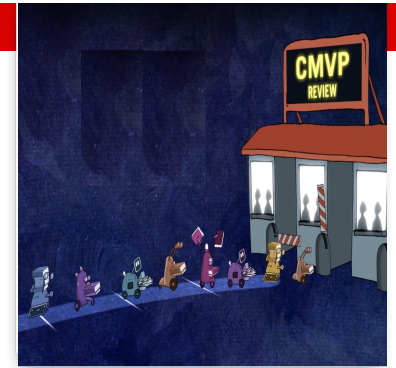
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Topics Covered



- ❖ FIPS 140-3 validation process
- ❖ FIPS 140-3 status
- ❖ Steps taken for process Improvement
- ❖ CMVP automation

FIPS 140-3 status



- ❖ 140-3 validation began on 22nd September **2020**
- ❖ In the last three years, only **14** modules have been certified.
- ❖ Currently there are **281** modules in the Modules in Process List (MIP).
- ❖ **130** submissions are in Review Pending i.e., waiting to be reviewed.
- ❖ All FIPS 140-2 modules will be on historical list in September 2026.

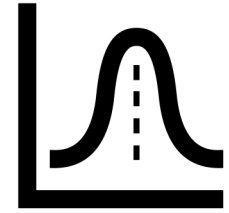
Steps taken for process Improvement



CMVP is continuously working on new programs for improving the validation process. Some of these include:

- ❖ Automated Cryptographic Validation Test System (ACVTS)
- ❖ Entropy Source Validation Program (ESV)
- ❖ Web Cryptik launched for report writing and submission
- ❖ SP 800-140Brev1 published recently with module verification tool.

Entropy Source Validation Program (ESV)



Entropy Validation Documents

New! ESV Guidelines and Templates

[Entropy Assessment Report Template v1.1](#) is a document to aid in v template is not required, but is recommended to ensure that all rec report. The template is available for edits, so labs may customize th

[Entropy Validation Submission Guidelines](#) outlines the steps requir Source Validation Test Server. Credentials must be requested separ 17CM (and soon 17ESV) labs.

[Module Submission Guidelines When Including an ESV](#) outlines the standalone entropy source validation.

[Entropy Validation Certificate Public Use Document Template v1.1](#) for standalone entropy validations. The additional documentation entropy source into their device, application, or library. The templa information is present in the document. The template is available f desired.

SP 800-90B Shall Statements

[90B Shall Statements](#) contains a spreadsheet of all shall statement: CMVP has provided guidance on which requirements must be addr SP 800-90B. Beyond the typical "required" and "not required" desc

- ❖ ESV became mandatory in January **2022**.
- ❖ **121** entropy source validations so far.
- ❖ Statistical testing via NIST ESV server.
- ❖ 1-2-months certification time after submission.

Web Cryptik and Verification tool



ModVerifyApp V3.1.0

Cryptik Br1 v1.0.1 Home **General Info** Reports References Help Save Import Create Package Send results Validate overall schema

General Info

- Laboratory Information
- Vendor Information
- Module Information
- CAVP Certs
- MIS Tables
- Supplemental Information

MIS Tables

2. Cryptographic Module Specification

Table 2. Tested Module Identification – Software/Firmware/Hybrid

#	Package/File Names	Software/ Firmware Version	Non-Security Relevant Distinguishing Features	Integrity Test Implemented	Actions
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Table 3. Tested Operational Environments – Software/Firmware/Hybrid

#	Operating System (Guest OS if Hypervisor)	Hardware Platform	Processor(s)	PAA/PAI	Hypervisor and Host OS	Version(s)	Actions
	Operating System*	Hardware Platform*	Processor(s)*	PAA/PAI*	Hypervisor and Host OS	Version(s)*	

Table 4. Vendor Affirmed Operational Environments – Software/Firmware/Hybrid

#	Operating System	Hardware Platform	Actions
	Operating System	Hardware Platform	

Cryptik Br1 v1.0.1 Home General Info **Reports** References Help Save Import Create Package Send results Check Status

Reports

- 1. General
- 2. Cryptographic module specification
- 3. Cryptographic module interfaces**
- 4. Roles, services, and authentication
- 5. Software/Firmware security
- 6. Operational environment
- 7. Physical security
- 8. Non-invasive security
- 9. Sensitive security parameter management
- 10. Self-tests
- 11. Life-cycle assurance
- 12. Mitigation of other attacks
- Appendix A
- Appendix B

3. Cryptographic module interfaces (Selected level: 1)

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AS03.01 (Level: 1)

A cryptographic module shall restrict all logical information flow to only those physical access points and logical interfaces that are identified as entry and exit points to and from the cryptographic boundary of the module.

Notes

Test Status

- Open
- Passed
- Failed
- ReVal Passed
- Not Applicable

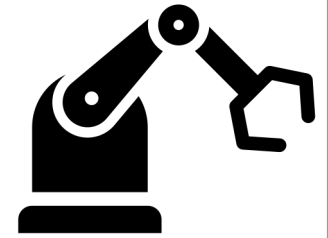
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Still to resolve...



- ❖ Long wait time from submission to validation.
- ❖ Modules are outdated by the time they are certified.
- ❖ Submitted reports are free form and not tied to test evidence.
- ❖ Manual review of submission by limited CMVP staffing.
- ❖ Repetitive information in multiple documents.

Automation of the CMVP (ACMVP)



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Automation of the NIST Cryptographic Module Validation Program

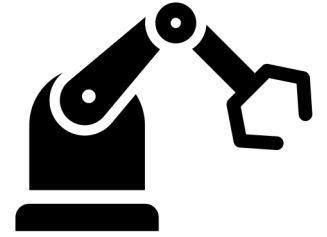
NIST established the Cryptographic Module Validation Program (CMVP) to ensure that hardware and software cryptographic implementations met standard security requirements. Since its start, the number and complexity of modules to be validated has increased steadily and now outstrips available human resources for product vendors, labs, and validators. This limits product options for many organizations required to use validated cryptography, especially federal agencies. NIST has started a broad effort to modernize and automate its cryptographic validation programs.

Program Goals:

- ❖ Automate the validation process.
- ❖ Design set of structured tests, schema and protocols for evidence submission.
- ❖ Streamline report review by eliminating manual check.



CMVP automation project



- ❖ Execution in phases; starting with software validation at security level 1.
- ❖ Project collaborators include product vendors and third-party labs.
- ❖ Bi-weekly meetings and regular tracking of project progress.
- ❖ Status so far:
 - TE classification based on documentation, code review and functional testing
 - Building a standardized evidence catalog to be referenced in the report

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